

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Longwood Covered Bridge

and or common Same

**2. Location**

street & number Fayette County Road 75N not for publication

city, town 3.7 miles west of Connersville vicinity of  congressional district 9th

state Indiana code 018 county Fayette code 041

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Fayette County Commissioners

street & number Courthouse, 401 Central Avenue

city, town Connersville vicinity of state Indiana 47331

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Fayette County Courthouse

street & number 401 Central Avenue

city, town Connersville state Indiana 47331

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1980 federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
Indianapolis Indiana

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Longwood Covered Bridge is a single span, wooden structure of Burr Arch truss construction. It spans Williams Creek approximately 3.7 miles west of Connersville, Indiana, on County Road 75 North. The bridge was built in 1884 by Emmett and Charles Kennedy, sons of Archibald M. Kennedy, of the Kennedy bridge building family of Rush County, Indiana.

The entire Longwood structure is 97 feet in length; the span of the bridge is 91 feet in length with 3 additional feet of overhang at each end. The width of the wooden deck is 14.5 feet; the vertical clearance over the deck is 12 feet and 11 inches in height. According to George Gould, Indiana Covered Bridges Thru The Years, the Longwood Covered Bridge has an unusual truss design because it uses 2 kingposts placed 10 feet apart (as in the queenpost arrangement), instead of the multiple kingpost arrangement most often used with the Burr arch. The Longwood Bridge has five panels on each side of the center, and the Burr arch. The bridge is supported by stone abutments at both ends.

In order to protect the wooden truss members, the bridge is covered by a gabled roof. Vertical members, attached directly to the exterior of the truss members, support wooden board siding, laid horizontally along the length of the bridge. Most of the siding along the bottom two-thirds of the bridge is missing. The gable ends of the bridge are covered with vertical board and batten siding. The portals of the bridge have round-arched openings, supported by decorated knee bracing. Carved wooden scroll-work extends from the knee brace to the cornice on either side of the portal. Pairs of carved brackets on the cornice help to support the roof ends. Above the portal and below the cornice, the words "Kennedy Bros" identify the structure as a Kennedy Brothers bridge. The structure is covered by a gabled, tin roof which covers wood shingles underneath.

The bridge, in fair condition, is still in use but is in need of general repair.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1884

**Builder/Architect** Emmett and Charles Kennedy

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Longwood Covered Bridge is of transportation and engineering significance because it is the last remaining covered bridge in Fayette County of the original five. The bridge spans Williams Creek on County Road 75 North, 3.7 miles west of Connersville. Built in 1884 by the Kennedy Brothers, the Longwood Covered Bridge was built during the peak production years for the building of Kennedy bridges. Of the 53 or more bridges built by the Kennedys, only 13 remain standing. According to George Gould, Indiana Covered Bridges Thru The Years, the Longwood Covered Bridge has a truss design that is unusual for the Burr arch, with two kingposts placed 10 feet apart as in the queenpost arrangement.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Engineering Report dated 6-20-72, copy attached.

Article from Connersville News-Examiner dated 4-28-77

Gould, George Indiana Covered Bridges Through the Years, Indiana Covered Bridge Society, Inc. 1977

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Connersville, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

A 

1	6	6	5	1	3	0	0	4	3	9	0	8	6	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

### Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached continuation sheet

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state Not applicable code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

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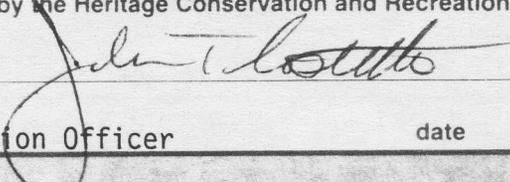
## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

date 11-16-81

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet Longwood Covered Bridge

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A part of the Northwest Quarter of Section Number Nineteen (19), Township Number Fourteen (14) North, Range Number Twelve (12) East, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in a blacktop road (County Road 75N) Four Hundred Eighty-Five and Fifty-Four hundredths (485.54) Feet South and Five Hundred Twenty-Five and Nine hundredths (525.09) Feet West of the Northeast Corner of said Northwest Quarter; thence running South 75 Degrees 47 Minutes West 30 Feet to a point; thence running North 10 Degrees 58 Minutes West 31.41 Feet to a point; thence running North 34 Degrees 13 Minutes West 102.50 Feet to a point; thence running North 38 Degrees 39 Minutes West 14.62 Feet to a point; thence running North 16 Degrees 36 Minutes East 60.00 Feet to a point; thence running South 49 Degrees 47 Minutes East 54.49 Feet to a point; thence running South 34 Degrees 13 Minutes East 102.50 Feet to a point; thence running South 16 Degrees 11 Minutes East 52.49 Feet to a point; thence running South 75 Degrees 47 Minutes West 30 Feet to the point of beginning; containing .242 Acre.

Longwood Covered Bridge  
Connersville, Indiana  
UTM Reference:  
16/651300/4390860

